



**NIACC Signing of the
American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment
and Energy Star Participation**

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Dr. Derr's Comments

We are excited to make this historical step as NIACC officially commits to pursuing climate neutrality and improving building energy efficiency. Through the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment and participation in the Energy Star program, we continue our work to reduce our environmental impact and educate our students on the importance of doing so.

As the fight against global warming shapes the 21st century, colleges and universities must exercise leadership by modeling ways to eliminate global warming emissions and by providing the knowledge and the educated graduates to achieve climate neutrality. Through the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment, NIACC will serve as a leader through the College's efforts as well as the education of our students.

As a partner with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star program, NIACC commits to protecting the environment through energy efficiency and improving building energy efficiency by ten percent or more. Through this partnership, we will strive to implement and promote energy efficiency improvements that lower energy costs and reduce the risks of global warming.

The American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment and Energy Star partnership mark the latest efforts by NIACC to reduce environmental impacts. NIACC will also implement the use of environmentally friendly food service disposables on campus when fall semester classes begin. We also currently realize energy savings through the new Recreation Center design as well as a multitude of other energy efficiency savings efforts across campus. The two new initiatives we've signed today will build upon current efforts.